

9/9/69

Dear Gary,

This is some sort of occasion, as I'll explain. When I was in N.O. doing those hurry-up analysis that kept Vince from sleeping, I used paper with cheap carbon paper already in it. It is meant to be discarded, but our finances being what they are, I save all that crappy carbon. I'm now using the last sheet of it. Give you an idea of how much I turned out! Then I go back to what is no longer good enough for Lil to use.

Your letter of 9/5 arrived today. I return herewith the Haapenen letter and the two Crafard CDs from the KP file, plus Mary's letter, of which she had sent me a copy.

Of the too-many things I've forgotten is that Indonesian sojourn. Entirely out of my mind. I do not believe I'd ever noticed the one-day trip there, pretty good, even for the US Navy. That can be important. I'd like to be kept abreast of it. I have never written Haapenen partly because he had never written me, partly because I'd assumed Mark had fixed his mind, and partly because I was so scared of some of the stuff I saw over his name and partly because that Committee never did follow through on the one thing I'd asked for and they offered.

Of the additional slides list, the three 49s might interest me. Perhaps you do not recall my interest in the Martin film when I discovered the misuse in the FBI report and the specs and rumors. I've been using the 8x10 I got from the Archives.

I'll let you know when I get the slides and as soon as I can I'll go over them and return what I think I'll not need. Let me know the total cost and I'll credit your account.

Before I forget, in the Comumbia School of Journalism current quarterly there is an article by the Time Atlanta man, Williams, and Parks of the Balt. Sun, saying several CIA agents were present at the Shaw trial. Nothing else on this.

Jerry is on vacation. I'll be hearing from him when he returns.

Oops, I'll send Crafard directly to Jackie Dolan.

By now you've seen the rest on Jerry. I have no doubt Syner put him up to it. It is real tough knowing the best way to play this, so I've decided to do it that way that comes naturally for me, entirely without guile or ulterior motives. If he turns off, that's it. But I'll play it straight and if he is not on the whole thing, when it all falls apart, he'll know I was honest and right.

You are right not to break off with Fred. If I suggested it I shouldn't have, for it is wrong. But try and save time, especially for school.

If Mary saw some of what Jaffe wrote about her she'd sure turn off. I have it, from his first memos, I think, on getting to D. On Tink's film, why not sic Vince on him? That bastard used enough of my stuff, without asking and with disguise. Where the hell does he get off. Or, if Vince fails, let me know and I'll put it up to Sylvia. Tink is bitter because we exposed him (after he first assailed all of us, for I heard it, on Jack McInney) and because he is so wrong and it hurts. But some researcher, some scholar, he is!

Please stick to prelims. Let other things go!

Be careful about that June speech...

Be careful about that June speaking engagement. It could be legit but your age alone makes the odds short. If you see him, not in his office but in your home or office, with others present, and make the best notes you can. Know anything about the agency? So many of them are former FBIs.

Appreciate the suggestion on Borba, but I've had it with all of them. I had a Czech agency and they tried hard, throughout the entire area. And I've had my own unpleasant experiences with the Soviet Union of this. Their news is an adjunct of policy. I'd be happy if they use my stuff, but experience tells me it is not worth the time and effort. It costs to send books there by air, costs like hell. I'll bet I've got more than \$100 tied up in such things and God alone knows how many hours.

I've now gtt less than 50 ms pages to correct. Lil's progress is slow. She's had many headaches and interruptions. She has done 85 finished pages, single-spaced, legal, about 25% of the ms, which makes my estimate of 350 more pages look pretty close! Giant! She'll also not be making as good time because she has decided to work for Block again the coming tax season, which requires, with the major changes, that she return to school two days a week beginning in a week - and that means I'll be driving her both ways twice a day. Ugh! How that breaks up the day. However, little as she made, it was vital to us this year.

Haste,